

### Meat and Fish Prices Now and Twenty Years Ago Compared by Mr. Fitts on Anniversary Day

W. S. Fitts had a business birthday a few days ago, his 20th anniversary in the fish and meat business in Salem, and he was interested in recalling some of the prices of 20 years ago as compared with those of today.

"We bought our first Thanksgiving turkeys of Ed Hartley, paying him 10 cents a pound for them, live weight," said Mr. Fitts. "They sold at 13 cents to the hotels in quantities, dressed, and at 15 cents retail. We sell them today at from 28 cents upward. For chickens, we paid 6 cents, for ducks 6 cents, and for geese, 5 cents a pound. They retail now at from 18 to 22 cents

for chickens, 18 cents for geese, and 20 to 24 cents for ducks.

"We were selling the best sea crobs for 10 cents each, usually three for a quarter. Now they cost so much that they can't be sold under 40 cents apiece. Halibut used to cost from 3 1/2 to 5 cents a pound at Puget Sound points; we sold it for the standard price of 10 cents, which averaged fairly well for the year, although sometimes it cost us more than we received, and we threw in the rent and the labor. Nowadays, halibut sells for 20 to 25 cents. Salmon used to cost at seaboard from 5 to 7 cents a pound, and retail at from 10 to

### OLCOTT HITS DRUG PRACTICE

#### State Health and Pharmacy Board Secretaries Asked to Investigate

#### FULL INQUIRY SOUGHT

#### Governor to Call Joint Meeting of Officials When Data is Obtained

In letters addressed yesterday to Dr. Frederick D. Stricker of Portland, secretary of the state board of health, and to Frank S. Ward of Portland, secretary of the state board of pharmacy, Governor Olcott set in motion the machinery of these two boards to assist in eliminating the narcotic evil in Oregon.

The governor asks the two board secretaries to conduct an investigation into every phase of the traffic. As soon as the investigation has proceeded far enough it is the executive's intention to call a joint meeting of the two boards where the information obtained by the investigation shall be placed before the board members.

**Prison Shows Results**  
Observations made by the governor in connection with inmates of the state penitentiary and by other methods has revealed a serious situation, particularly in Portland.

The letter sent by the governor to Dr. Stricker follows: "From observations I have made in connection with prisoners at the state penitentiary, and from information received from other sources, I find there apparently is a most serious situation, in Portland at least, and possibly in other parts of the state, in connection with the illegitimate sale of narcotic drugs. Reports come to me from reliable persons that the number of addicts to the deplorable practice of drug using is growing. If this is true it is a most alarming situation. In any event, the illegal use of narcotic drugs should not only be curbed, but eliminated entirely, if possible.

**Wide Inquiry Sought**  
"I am writing you as secretary of the state board of health and state health officer and also writing to the secretary of the state board of pharmacy asking you to jointly conduct an investigation into all phases of the traffic, and gather information to as nearly as possible cover the situation in the state. In addition I would be pleased to have you secure all available data, as to how other states deal with this problem, not only as to its enforcement but in handling the addicts themselves.

"It is my plan, when your investigation is far enough advanced to warrant it, to call a joint meeting of the state board of health and the state board of pharmacy, and ask you to lay this information before them, and request they take up the problem from that time to further go into the question and make a report and recommendations covering the entire subject.

**Elimination Necessary**  
"I realize the necessity for curbing and eliminating the use of narcotic drugs in as short a time as possible. But when the job of cleaning it up is done, it should be done thoroughly and well, and I appreciate the advisability of going into all of the details to the end that we may be prepared to meet the situation.

"I would be pleased to hear from you at the earliest possible moment as to when you can go ahead with this investigation and when I may expect a preliminary report.

"Will you kindly consult with Mr. Frank S. Ward, secretary of the state board of pharmacy, so you may co-ordinate your efforts."

### BEARCATS FACE BUSY SEASONS

#### Basketball and Baseball Games Are Scheduled With Conference Teams

With the general tightening up of scholastic requirements, the Bearcat athletes are in for a strenuous season between now and commencement day. They are slated for 12 conference basketball games, two with University of Idaho, four with Whitman, two with O. A. C., and four with the University of Oregon. In addition, they expect to take on Multnomah, Gonzaga, and a number of American legion teams before the season ends, if all goes well. The Gonzaga game, if arranged for, will be staged when the quintet goes to Walla Walla for the Whitman series.

The conference series opens here in Salem, with the Whitman aggregation as opponents for two games, January 13 and 14. Before that, however, the Bearcats expect to meet a number of the amateur teams of the valley, in a practice series with no "reputations" at stake on either side. McMinnville, Independence, Dallas, and the Silverton athletic club, are among the tentative op-

ponents. They will meet the alumni team shortly after New Year's as one of the try-out games.

The interclass games which start Monday, will determine to some extent the make-up of the varsity team. All the last year's letter men are going well enough to be reasonably sure of places on the squad, though nobody can sit down for 10 minutes without having some daring freshman make a desperate fight for his place, with a chance to win it. There was never so much interest taken in the game, as now, though the team has lost so many stars by graduation and otherwise, that the team is still up in the air as to its prospects.

The Bearcats will play nine conference games of baseball, one with the University of Washington, the first for several years; two each with Oregon university and O. A. C., and four with Whitman. The baseball season is still a long way off, but the Bearcats have earned in some excellent diamond material this season, and they count on making a strong bid for the pennant.

Their showing at basketball and baseball last year, their first season on the conference circuit, has given them real prestige for this winter, so that their games ought to draw good houses wherever they appear.

Of the three conference games of football scheduled for next fall, all will be played away from home—at Eugene, Corvallis, and Walla Walla. All the football seen in Salem will be the non-conference games, with Pacific university, College of Puget Sound, Chemawa, and whatever other opponents may be accepted.

The Puget Sound team comes here for the annual Thanksgiving clash, and the Whitman game only a week earlier. The others are right at the first of the season: Oregon on October 7, and O. A. C. on October 14—preliminary practice games for somebody but they don't know yet who it will be. With some of the splendid new material that got a taste of the big game this fall, it might even be the "big" fellows who get the upset. That, however, is 10 months off.

### POULTRY PLANT IS ESTABLISHED

#### Walter F. Downing Acquires Fine Prize Winning Breeding Birds

Walter F. Downing, 1933 State street, Salem, has just returned from a visit to some of the poultry plants about Portland and Delano, bringing with him some

very fine prize winning White Plymouth Rocks to add to his flock and with which to head some of his breeding pens for 1922.

Among the birds purchased was one cockerel from Jack Bertram, Portland, which was awarded first prize at the Oregon State fair in 1920. He also purchased three fine White Rock pullets from Mr. Bertram.

Another fine male bird was secured from a Milwaukie breeder which was awarded second prize at the 1920 Portland winter show. These two birds will head his

first and second breeding pens this coming season, while another excellent cock bird will head his third breeding pen.

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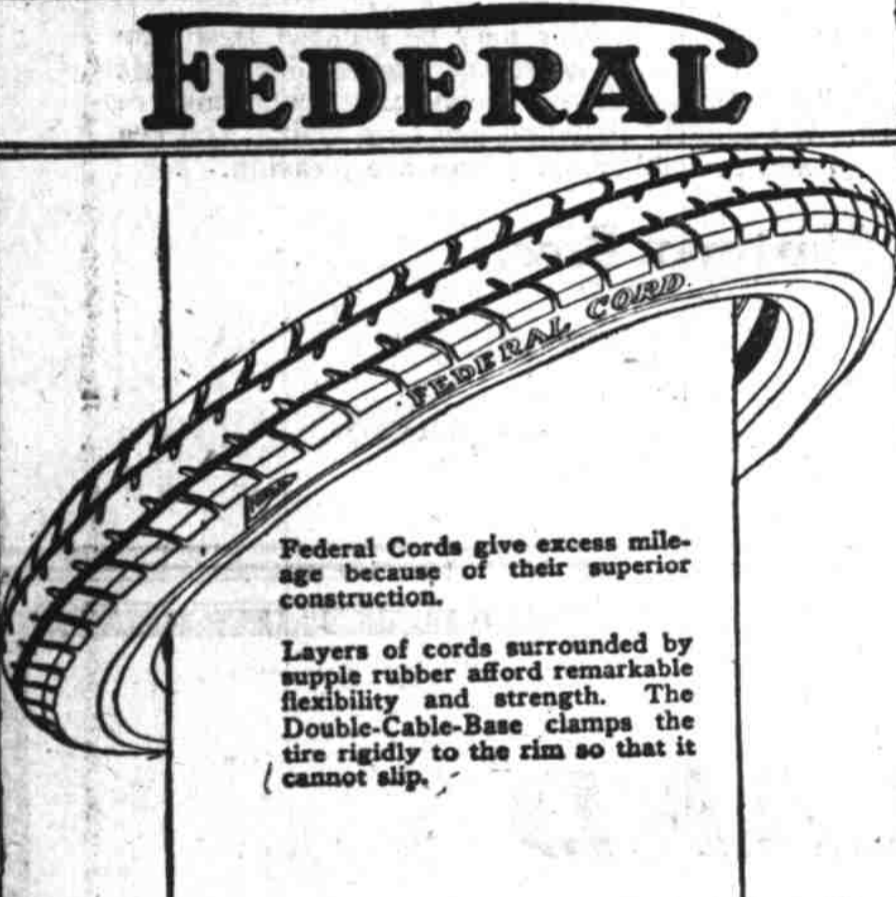
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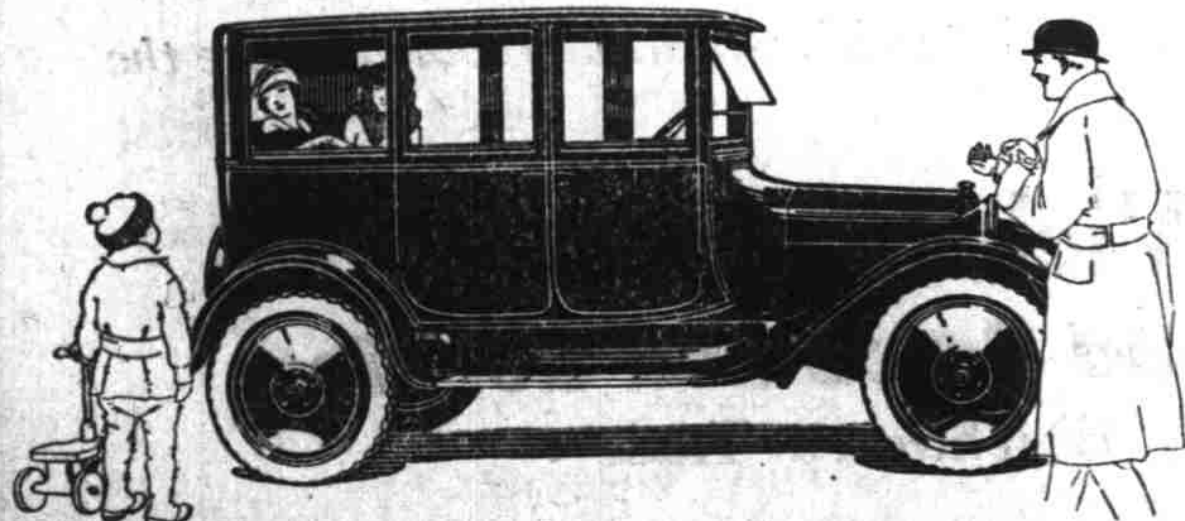
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